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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF AUSTRIAN MACHINE PISTOLS

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B. USDAO VIENNA 428/281105Z AUG 75 (NOTAL)

C. AMEMBASSY VIENNA 7381 (NOTAL)

D. USDAO BEIRUT IR'S 6857 0080 74; 6 857 0024 75;
6 857 0056 75 AND 6 857 0077 75 (NOTAL)

1. REFERENCES A THRU C REPORT THAT ON 25 AUF 75 AUSTRIAN
AUTHORITIES CONFISCATED 4,000 STEYR MACHINE PISTOLS(WHICH
HAD BEEN DECLARED AS "MACHINES") AFTER A DELAY IN THE ARRIVAL
OF A TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AND OTHER MINOR IRREGULARITIES HAD
AROUSED THE SUSPICION OF AIRPORT OFFICIALS. THE REFERENCES

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ALSO IDENTIFIED THE TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT AS A BOEING JET, REGISTRY

NUMBER N 723 PA, OPERATED BY UNITED TRADE INTERNATIONALS OF WILMINGTON DELAWARE.

2. TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT (A BOEING 707 FORMELY OWNED BY PAA AND OPEROR SARKIS SOGHANALIAN ARE WELL KNOW TO EMBASSY DAO. WASHINGTON'S FRESHEST MEMORY OF SARKIS WILL BE THE NEWS COVERAGE AND SUBSEQUENT CONTROVERSY OVER ISSUNACE OF EXPORT LICENSES TO SARKIS'COMPANY FOR SOME 2000 CALIBRE .45 PISTOLS. SARKIS IS AUTHORIZED AGENT IN LEBANON FOR COLT INDUSTRIES AND FAIRCHILD SPACE AND DEFENSE SYSTEMS. AS SUCH, HE HAS SOLID CHRISTIAN POLITICAL LEADERS CHAMOUN AND GEMAYEL AND IS THEIR PRINCIPAL MUNITIONS PROCURER.

3. THUS EMBASSY IS CONFIDENT THAT CONFISCATED STRYR MACHINE PISTOLS WERE ULTIMATELY DESTINED FOR BEIRUT AND LEBANESE CHRISTIAN MILITIA.

4. PREVIOUS REPORTS ON ARMS PURCHASES FOR LEBANESE MILITIA ARE CITED IN REFERENCE D(NOTAL).
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